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METHOD FOR DETECTION OF SPECIFIC TARGET CELLS IN

SPECIALIZED OR MIXED CELL POPULATION AND SOLUTIONS

CONTAINING MIXED CELL POPULATIONS

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on February 25, 1999.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a four—month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 28, 1998, said period of response being extended from October 28, 1998 to February 28, 1999.

Our check in the amount of \$680.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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